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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM A. W. CHAMBERLIN, 170 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK CITY, FOR RELEASE FEB. 25.

Q. What was General Lee's middle name?
W. E.

A. Edward.
Q. What day of the week was June 7, 1868?
W. L. R.

A. Sunday.
Q. What day of the week was October 15, 1892?
D. P.

A. Saturday.
Q. What day of the week was October 26, 1864?
R. J. P.

A. Thursday.
Q. Which State is it that does not have capital punishment?
W. H. H.

A. It has been abolished in Maine, Michigan, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

Q. How is the name Barre, a town in Vermont, and also the name of a very fine granite quarried there, pronounced?
Socrates.

A. Barry.
Q. Can you tell me when Colonel George Harvey became editor of Harper's Magazine?
P. H. J.

A. He became editor of Harper's Weekly in 1908.

Q. Will you please give the proper address to write to in Washington concerning government examinations for stenographers?
R. McK.

A. The Civil Service Commission.
Q. Is there any premium on the half dollar of 1853?
A. P.

A. Provided there are no rays surrounding the eagle. The variety with the rays is quite common.

Q. 1. What is the negro population of the United States? 2. What is the oldest city in America and when was it founded?
E. H.

A. 1. 1910, 9,828,294. 2. St. Augustine, Fla. The first house was built there in 1564.

Q. Why is the Hwang-ho, or Yellow river in China called "China's Sor-row"?
G. L.

A. Because it shifts its course frequently, causing great property loss and at times considerable loss of life.

Q. To whom should I apply for information as to the nature of the work in the geological and geodetic surveys?
G. K. S.

A. For the geological survey address Director George Otis Smith, Interior Department, Washington, D. C. For the coast and geodetic survey, address Superintendent O. H. Tittmann, Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C.

Q. What is the membership of the following lodges in the United States: Modern Woodmen of America, Woodmen of the World, and Macabees?
E. N. H.

A. According to the last reports of the supreme bodies of the organizations the memberships were: Modern Woodmen of America, 1,129,805; Woodmen of the World, 500,369; Knights of the Macabees of the World, 284,278.

Q. 1. Has the United States any national or legal holidays set aside by Congress? 2. Is it against the law to kill robins at any time of the year?
J. H. C.

A. 1. Congress cannot appoint legal holidays and there are no national holidays. The individual States have full powers in the naming of holidays. 2. Robins are fully protected in practically all States, there being no open season for them.

Q. In a game of "Forty-two" with dominoes can you hold back your trump? For instance, if six is trump and double one leads, do you have to play your six-one if you have no other?
G. P.

A. This is one game of dominoes that Hoyle does not mention and we don't know how to play it. Perhaps some expert among our readers can render a decision on this play.

Q. What was the longest and what

the highest flight ever made in an aeroplane and by whom was it made?
J. A. T.

A. Flying in France for the Michelin cup, Gobe, a French aviator, covered 488 miles at Pau on December 24, 1911, in eight hours and fifteen minutes, which is the world's record for distance.

R. Garros made the world's record for altitude at St. Malo, France, on September 18, 1911, 13,948 feet. Gobe used a Farman biplane and Garros a Bleriot monoplane.

Q. 1. What is the shortest term of enlistment in the army and what is the pay? 2. Can a soldier obtain a release after serving a year in the army?
J. J.

A. 1. The term of enlistment is three years and the pay for the first enlistment is \$13 per month, with board and clothing included. A percentage of the original pay is added for each enlistment after the first. 2. He can buy his discharge by paying to the government a sum equal to the amount of pay he would receive for the remainder of his enlistment. Thus a soldier having two years more to serve would have to pay the government two years' wages to obtain his discharge.

Q. 1. How did Wall street obtain its name? 2. Which was the first State admitted to the Union?
G. S.

A. 1. The city wall extended along the street in the early days of the Dutch settlers, although it could be described more accurately as a stockade. Its object was to protect the inhabitants of New Amsterdam from the incursions of the predatory redskins, who sometimes became bothersome. 2. After the Constitution had been ratified by the original thirteen States, Vermont was the first to join the Union. The order of ratification of the Constitution by the colonies was: Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, 1787; Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, 1788; North Carolina, 1789; Rhode Island, 1790.

Q. Please give a recipe for making old-fashioned printing press rollers.
J. A. K.

A. An old recipe gives the following formula which it says will produce "a very desirable and elastic roller": Genuine Irish or Buffalo glue, 104 pounds; black sugar cane, or best maple molasses, 1 gallon; purified India rubber shavings, 1 pound; Carolina tar, 2 ounces; glycerine, 12 ounces; strong vinegar, 4 ounces. Soak the glue over night and drain in the morning by means of a covered colander. Boil and skim the molasses for twenty minutes. Add the rubber shavings and stir until they combine with the molasses, after which add the glue and

boil for six or seven minutes. Then pour. If purified rubber cannot be obtained add 1½ pounds more of the glue and 4 ounces more of glycerine.

Q. Are appointments to United States consularships governed by the civil service law, including consular generals and is there an age limit?
M. M.

A. The examinations are the same for all grades and are to determine the candidate's fitness for appointment in the consular service, irrespective of the grade for which he may have been designated for examination, and without regard to any particular office. There is no oral examination to determine the candidate's business ability, alertness, general information and all-round fitness for the service, and the matter of age would probably be thus taken care of. There is also a written examination, which includes either French, German or Spanish, international, commercial and maritime law, history, geography, etc., together with modern history since 1850. The examination is conducted by a board of examiners, who report the names of successful candidates to the Secretary of State. The names remain on the eligible list for two years, unless appointment takes place meantime, after which period a new examination is necessary.

Q. The third and what is regarded as the final hearing on the Morris Canal abandonment bill took place at Trenton on Monday, and it is anticipated that the bill will be reported next week in an amended form and that it will be enacted. A substitute bill is to be drafted upon lines agreed upon at the hearing Monday.

In closing the arguments before the committee Monday afternoon for the passage of the bill, former Justice Bennett Van Syckel announced several new concessions to Newark and Lake Hopatcong.

To make sure that Newark may secure the canal bed for high speed trolley purposes, if desired, Mr. Van Syckel announced that the State's commission had secured the consent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad to an amendment providing that an appraisal value should be fixed on that portion of the canal lying between the east line of Paterson and the Passaic River—the appraisal value to be fixed by the State's commission with the approval of the Governor and the attorney general—and that Newark should have three months within which to purchase the property at the appraisal value, after that date the property, if not then sold, to be disposed of at public auction.

In the same way, the portion lying within Paterson might be sold to Paterson within three months, and the portion lying between the Passaic and Hackensack rivers be sold to Kearny. The proposition to sell to Kearny was an afterthought prompted at the hearing by Senator Fielder of Hudson. The plan originally presented by Mr. Van Syckel called for the sale of the Kearny section of the canal to Newark, but Mr. Fielder said he thought it would be just as logical to sell it to Atlantic City as to Newark.

Amendments presented by the commission should also for the use of River street by Newark for highway purposes, with a provision that in case of sale for other than trolley purposes, double trolley tracks may be laid, on the surface at the point in question east of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The commission could get no greater concession for Newark with respect to changing the grade of certain streets where the canal now causes an elevation of the highway than that the commission should have authority to require that the grade should be made satisfactory to the State's commission. To this concession Chief Engineer Morris R. Sherrerd, of Newark, had agreed when it became apparent that the commission could go no farther.

The provisions with respect to Lake Hopatcong were rather an exchange than a concession. The amendment submitted discloses the State's intention to use Lake Hopatcong water for potable purposes, if desired. It is provided that the State shall maintain the dam at the lake at its present height and that the amount of water which may be drawn off shall be four feet instead of eleven feet, the latter figure being the depth to which the canal company may draw. Provision is made for the establishment of a permanent bench mark at the new four-foot limit.

Property owners at the lake are allowed to retain all their present privileges of using the lake for bathing, fishing, boating and collecting ice, but are not allowed to carry the water away from the lake beyond the watershed. An express provision is made that there shall be no drainage of sewage or other deleterious matter into the lake.

Mr. Van Syckel told the committee that the completed draft of the commission bill would be printed probably in time for presentation as a substitute bill next week.

May Exhibit Old Map. Request has been made to Town Surveyor Frank D. Leffingwell of Montclair, by the committee in charge of arrangements for the centennial celebration next spring, for the old map owned by Mr. Leffingwell, which the committee would like to place on exhibition during the gala week. The map bears the date of 1840. The entire district which is now Montclair, Glen Ridge and Bloomfield was then known as Bloomfield. The Upper Montclair section was "Spartown," and Montclair was designated as "West Bloomfield." There were but two streets cut through to the Upper Montclair section, Valley road and Park street. Mr. Leffingwell obtained possession of the map from a dealer in ancient drafts. It is about ten feet wide and fifteen feet in length, and is said to be a rare drawing. Mr. Leffingwell has a collection of old maps, including one of the original grant of a section of Montclair, dated 1874.

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Andrew Chubb, Sr., who rents the second floor of the building, was in bed when the fire started at 10:30 o'clock, and with difficulty managed to escape.

When the fire started Mr. Sandee was in his carpenter shop in the rear and, seeing the smoke, rushed into the house and telephoned to the police station, whence an alarm was sent in.

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